

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 061-01-0446
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Harvey M. Kaplan DATE: May 7, 1976

YOUR ADDRESS: 1322 Cherry Street TELEPHONE: 717-326-9894

ORGANIZATION (if any): Columbia University

IDENTIFICATION

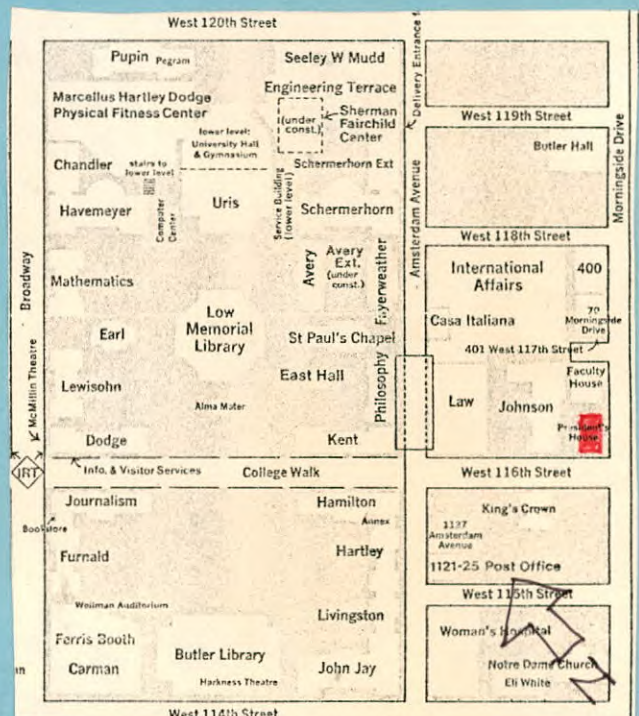
1. BUILDING NAME(S): Presidents House
2. COUNTY: New York TOWN/CITY: New York VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: Morningside Drive
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Columbia University ADDRESS: New York, New York 10027
6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain _____

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☐ b. stone ☒ c. brick ☒ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
(if known) b. wood frame with light members ☐
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☒ b. good ☐ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):
renovation 1948 included addition of elevator

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐
d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
f. other: _____

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☐
d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐ f. greenhouse ☐
g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
i. landscape features: _____
j. other: _____

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☐
c. scattered buildings ☐
d. densely built-up ☒ e. commercial ☐
f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☐
h. other: institutional

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

Buildingo overlooks Morningside Park and is adjacent to
Columbia's Faculty Club and Johnson Hall

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

It is a 21 room house with a rooftop loggia. It is four
stories in height and constructed of granite and limestone(base)
and overburned brick above the first floor.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1912 construction completed

ARCHITECT: McKim, Mead and White

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The President's House is built in an "Italian Renaissance"
style to harmonise with the other classically inspired structures
of Columbia's campus. Built for Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, it
remained President Butler's residence until renovated for General
Dwight David Eisenhower, also President of the university, in
early 1948. It served as Eisenhower's headquarters for the 1952
Presidential campaign(sucessful). Since then Presidents Kirk and
McGill have occupied it.

21. SOURCES: file in Columbiana library at Columbia University
New York Herald Tribune articles Oct. 7, 1947
Aug. 21, 1952
Mar. 6, 1953

22. THEME: instituional-
residential